



# Deer Park North Primary School Newsletter

Learning for Life

Edition 5 - 23rd March 2016

**Respect**

**Care**

**Responsibility**

**Honesty**

**Trust**

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Assistant Principal - Teresa Woods

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## Calendar of Events

### Term One

**Wednesday 23 March**

Zooper Dooper day

**Wednesday 23 March**

Parent/Teacher Chats

**Thursday 24 March**

End of Term 1

Early dismissal at 2:30pm

**Monday 11 April**

Curriculum day

**Tuesday 12 April**

First day back

**Wednesday 13 April**

5/6 Arts centre 52 story treehouse

**Thursday 14 April**

3/4 Arts centre 52 story treehouse

**Thursday 21 April**

1/2 excursion Werribee park mansion

**Thursday 28 April**

School photos



### 2016 School Terms

#### **Term 1**

January 27 - March 24

#### **Term 2**

April 11 - June 24

#### **Term 3**

July 11 - September 16

#### **Term 4**

October 3 - December 20

### Student Playground Supervision

The school offers yard supervision from 8.45am & after school until 3.30pm. Children should not be sent to school before 8.45am; and picked up by 3.30pm.



## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

With Term 1 quickly coming to a close, there are some important reminders:

\*Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm on Thursday, March 24. Please be on time to collect your child/children.

\*Term 2 will start for students on Tuesday April 12. Monday April 11 is a Curriculum Day (pupil-free day) for teachers. The day will be facilitated by Jeni Wilson with a focus on Inquiry Learning.

\*We have teachers returning to DPN in Term 2. Ebony Pane will be teaching MHC (Year 3/4) for 2 days a week. Theresa Djukicin will be providing literacy intervention support for the Year 1/2 classes.

\*Julie Cameron, has been teaching at DPN for just under one year, is returning to her previous teaching position. We thank Julie for her contribution to DPNPS as a Year 5/6 and Year 3/4 teacher and wish her all the best in the future.

\*Ivanka Vinski, PIV teacher, is getting married during the school holidays! We wish her and her fiancé all the very best for the special day and for a happy future together. Ms Vinski will be on leave for the week following the holidays.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to another exciting term of learning in Term 2.

Kind regards,

*Liz Balharrie*

## CLASSROOM LIBRARIES

The more contact children have with books, the better readers they become. Each classroom at Deer Park North has a **Classroom Library** that is put together by the students and the classroom teacher. The classroom libraries have open-faced book shelves displaying the cover of books to make it easier and more attractive for students to choose books they would like to read. The children and the teacher choose the books that go in the classroom library together based on interests, topics and genres being studied. The class makes decisions on how the books are sorted. You will notice the labels on tubs for the categories. These differ from library to library. As well as a big range of books, the classroom libraries also include comfortable furnishings such as pillows, carpeting, bean bags, plants etc to create a comfortable atmosphere for reading.



## We have had a reported case of chickenpox...

### Symptoms of chickenpox

The symptoms of chickenpox include:

*low-grade fever*

*general discomfort, illness or lack of wellbeing (malaise)*

*intensely itchy skin rash – appears as small blisters surrounded by irregularly-shaped patches of inflamed skin known as ‘dew drop on a rose petal’ (blisters first form on the body and later on the head and limbs and the blisters usually burst and develop crusts after about five days)*

*ulcers – may develop in certain areas, including the mouth genital area.*

Chickenpox (varicella) is a highly contagious viral disease caused by the varicella-zoster virus (VZV). The main symptom is a blistering skin rash. Outbreaks are more common in winter and early spring. Children and adults can be immunised against chickenpox. ***Immunisation is the best way to prevent chickenpox.***

## CANTEEN NEWS

The **Winter Menu for Terms 2 & 3** includes soup, zucchini slice and toasted sandwiches.

Breakfast Club will continue to offer the following items: oats, weetbix and fruit and toast each morning.

**A new Breakfast item** Baked Beans with toast!



**A reminder to parents, children cannot access the school through the staff car park.**

**This can be a dangerous area with cars entering or exiting.**



## “Hub is the word...” Dragon Dance

To celebrate Cultural Diversity this week the students will perform a dragon dance. The purpose of the Dragon parade is to scare away all the bad spirits to ensure good luck for the New Year to everyone. The Dragon is powerful and clever. The Dragon is the king of the 12 Zodiac signs. The Dragon is top of the 12 animal stories. A huge Thank you Mr Tom Tran, Mrs Fiona O'Donnell, Mrs Angela Lu, Mrs Tram Duong Mrs Trong Tran, Mrs Yen Bui Nguyen

The 5/6 and prep students for their participation in the Parade Performance Well done and Thank you to Mrs Huynh

### **Have A Say Day**

**Want to know what's happening at the new Neighbourhood House in Deer Park?  
Are you interested in getting involved?**



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